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SUBJECT: GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE (GAO) REVIEW OF DRUG  
ENFORCEMENT STRATEGIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

USCG PASS USGAO HONOLULU HAWAII FOR DIRECTOR

1. THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING

A REVIEW OF U.S. DRUG ENFORCEMENT STRATEGIES

AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM A BROAD PERSPECTIVE, IN BOTH A

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CURRENT AND HISTORICAL CONTEXT. A PORTION OF THIS REVIEW  
ENTAILS CONSIDERATION OF OUR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CON-  
TROL (INC) PROGRAMS. AS PART OF THE REVIEW, GAO OFFICERS  
WILL BE TRAVELLING TO VARIOUS OVERSEAS LOCATIONS, OF WHICH  
SOUTHEAST ASIA IS ONLY ONE AREA. THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN  
PORTION OF THE GAO STUDY IS SCHEDULED FOR THE PERIOD  
AUGUST 12 THROUGH AUGUST 31.

2. THE GAO TEAM MEMBERS FOR THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN SURVEY WILL BE GEORGE E. GRANT, ASSISTANT REGIONAL MANAGER OF THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE; PATRICK F. GORMLEY, OF THE GAO REGIONAL LOS ANGELES OFFICE; AND FRANK G. TOTH, ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, GENERAL ACCOUNTING DIVISION, WASHINGTON. ALL TEAM MEMBERS HAVE CURRENTLY VALID TOP SECRET CLEARANCES.

3. THE PROPOSED SOUTHEAST ASIAN ITINERARY FOR THE GAO TEAM IS AS FOLLOWS:

-----AUGUST 12 - ARRIVE HONG KONG ON PAA 5 AT 2055.

-----AUGUST 15 - DEPART HONG KONG ON CX 741 AT 1535.

----- ARRIVE BANGKOK 1710

-----AUGUST 17 - DEPART BANGKOK ON TH 141 AT 0730

----- ARRIVE CHIANG MAI AT 0910

-----AUGUST 20 - DEPART CHIANG MAI ON TH 110 AT 1015

----- ARRIVE BANGKOK AT 1115

-----AUGUST 21 - DEPART BANGKOK ON UB 222 AT 1020

----- ARRIVE RANGOON AT 1100

-----AUGUST 22 - DEPART RANGOON ON TG 302 AT 1625

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----- ARRIVE BANGKOK AT 1800

-----AUGUST 31 - DEPART BANGKOK ON PAA 1 AT 0150

-----ARRIVE ROME.

4. FOR HONG KONG: DURING THE HONG KONG PORTION OF THE REVIEW, GAO OFFICERS WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE STATE, DEA, AND HONG KONG OFFICIALS (PARTICULARLY NARCOTICS COMMISSIONER PETER LEE). GAO MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED IN PATTERNS OF DRUG ABUSE IN HONG KONG AND HOW THE COLONY FITS INTO THE OVERALL INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING PICTURE (BOTH PAST AND PRESENT). OF SPECIFIC INTEREST TO THEM IS THE COLLECTION OF NARCOTICS-RELATED INTELLIGENCE AND DEA-HKG COOPERATION. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING TELEGRAPHICALLY A PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR THE HONG KONG VISIT.

5. THE HONG KONG REVIEW TEAM WILL CONSIST OF MESSRS. GORMLEY AND TOTH. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE CONSULATE GENERAL MAKING SINGLE HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS AT THE HONG KONG HILTON.

6. FOR RANGOON: THE RANGOON PORTION OF THE REVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MESSRS. GORMLEY AND TOTH. THE GAO PERSONNEL WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE MISSION

OFFICERS AND APPROPRIATE RANGOON UN OFFICIALS. NO MEETINGS WITH BURMESE OFFICIALS ARE ANTICIPATED OR EXPECTED. ASIDE FROM BRIEFINGS ON DRUG ABUSE PATTERNS WITHIN BURMA, TEAM MEMBERS WOULD APPRECIATE A THOROUGH COVERAGE OF CURRENT GOLDEN TRIANGLE PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING AND TRENDS. THEY ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN GUB LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS, ESPECIALLY ERADICATION, AND HOW THESE EFFORTS ARE AFFECTED BY ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND OTHER

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NARCOTICS EQUIPMENT IS ALSO OF INTEREST. PLEASE PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPHICALLY WITH A PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR THE RANGOON VISIT.

7. TEAM MEMBERS WOULD APPRECIATE BEING MET AND ASSISTED UPON ARRIVAL AND HAVING SINGLE ROOM RESERVATIONS MADE AT AN APPROPRIATE HOTEL.

8. FOR BANGKOK: IN THE INITIAL PHASES OF THE THAILAND REVIEW PARTICIPANTS WILL BE MESSRS. GORMLEY AND TOTH. MR. GRANT WILL JOIN THE GROUP AUGUST 24, WHEN HE WILL ARRIVE VIA PAA 1 AT 0040. DURING THEIR STAY IN THAILAND, THE GAO TEAM WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE MISSION OFFICIALS, INCLUDING DEA AND U.S. CUSTOMS. THEY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH APPRO-

PRIATE UN AND APPROPRIATE RTG OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF THE NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD. THE TEAM PLANS TO EXAMINE THAI DRUG ABUSE PATTERNS, BOTH RURAL AND URBAN, AS WELL AS THE GENERAL THAI AND GOLDEN TRIANGLE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TRAFFICKING SITUATION. THIS WILL ENTAIL A REVIEW OF THE SPECIFIC INC-FUNDED ASSISTANCE PROJECTS, INCLUDING END USE MONITORING, THE COLLECTION AND USE OF INTELLIGENCE, AND THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE THAI ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT. TEAM MEMBERS WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE NARCOTICS-RELATED BRIEFINGS ON LAOS. WE RECOMMEND THAT AUGUST 17 BE USED FOR TOPICS MOST CLOSELY RELATED TO THE CHIANG MAI VISIT, SUCH AS UNFDAC AND CROP SUBSTITUTION/INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT. PLEASE PROVIDE US TELEGRAPHICALLY WITH A PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR THE BANGKOK PORTION OF THE SURVEY.

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9. WE WOULD APPRECIATE SINGLE ROOM RESERVATIONS BEING MADE FOR THE PARTY AT THE NEW IMPERIAL HOTEL IN ACCORDANCE

WITH THE SCHEDULE SET IN PARA 3 ABOVE. THE GAO TEAM WOULD APPRECIATE BEING MET AND ASSISTED UPON ARRIVAL.

10. FOR CHIANG MAI: DURING THE CHIANG MAI PORTION OF THE VISIT THE GAO PERSONNEL ARE PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN CROP SUBSTITUTION RESEARCH AND INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS IN THE POPPY GROWING AREAS OF NORTHERN THAILAND. ASIDE FROM CONSULATE PERSONNEL, THE TEAM WOULD APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE THAI AND THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS. THE GAO MEMBERS WOULD LIKE

TO VISIT EXTENSIVELY UNFDAC AND KING'S HILLTRIBE PROJECT SITES, AS WELL AS THE PROPOSED SITES FOR THE MAE CHAEM WATERSHED PROJECT. TEAM MEMBERS MESSRS. GORMLEY AND TOTH WOULD APPRECIATE BEING MET AND ASSISTED UPON ARRIVAL, WITH SINGLE ROOMS RESERVED AT THE PRINCE HOTEL.

11. GAO MEMBERS WILL BE PLEASED TO PROVIDE ENTRY AND EXIT BRIEFINGS AT DISCRETION OF ADDRESSEES. PLEASE ADVISE.

12. THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO HAVE FSO RICHARD M. GIBSON (S/NM) ACCOMPANY THE GAO TEAM MEMBERS DURING A PORTION OF THEIR THAILAND STAY. GIBSON'S TRAVEL PLANS WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL. VANCE

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